

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

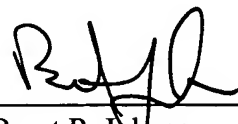
Claims 4, 5, 7, 10, 12, 13 and 17 have been amended to be rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 3 had been cancelled but has been rewritten as new claim 18 depending from claim 4. Claim 9 has been amended to depend from rewritten claim 5. Claim 6 remains as depending from claim 5. The remaining claims 1, 2, 8, 11, and 14-16 have been canceled.

Applicant has made a sincere effort to place the application in a condition for allowance; therefore, such favorable action is earnestly solicited. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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